



DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**Press Briefing
November 24, 2020**

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

32,664 total cases

757 total lives lost

Hospitalizations:

37 new 185 current 28 critical

As of November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**NEW
CASTLE**

18,121
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



4,562
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



9,876
positive cases
*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

14.4 percentage of persons
testing positive *(7-day average)*

As of November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

5.7 percentage of tests that
are positive *(7-day average)*

As of November 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

440.7 new cases per day
(7-day average)

As of November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Test-based Reporting

406,207

Total
***Persons
Tested***

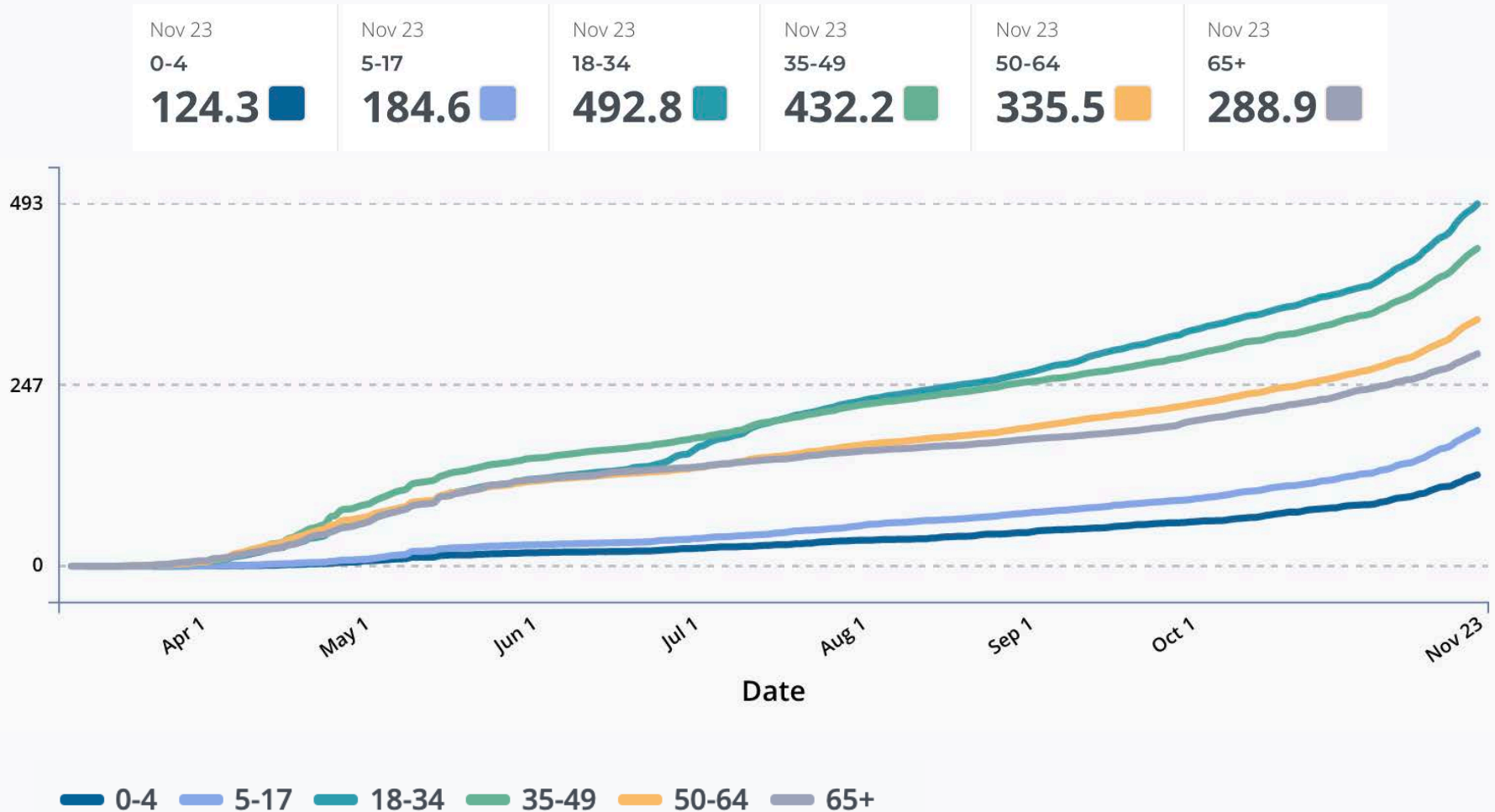
Total count on November 23, 2020

693,009

Total
***Tests
Administered***

Total count on November 23, 2020

Rate of Positive Cases per 10,000 Population by Age Group



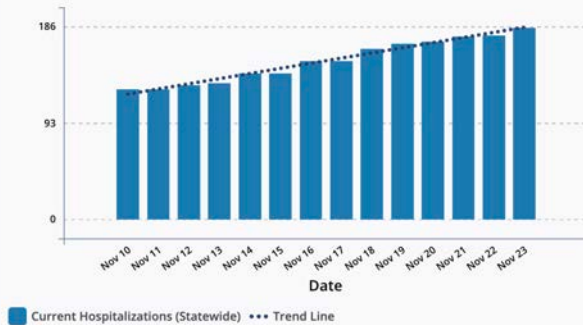
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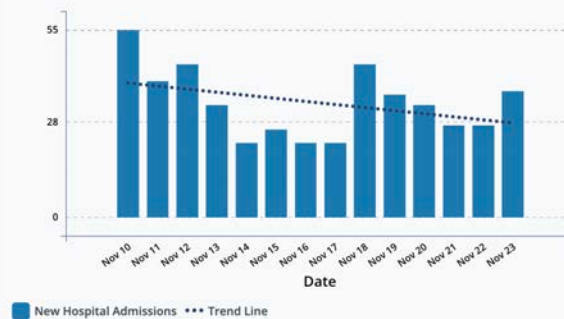
COVID-19 Data Dashboard

14-day View

Updated: 11/24/2020
Current Hospitalizations



Updated: 11/24/2020
New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19)

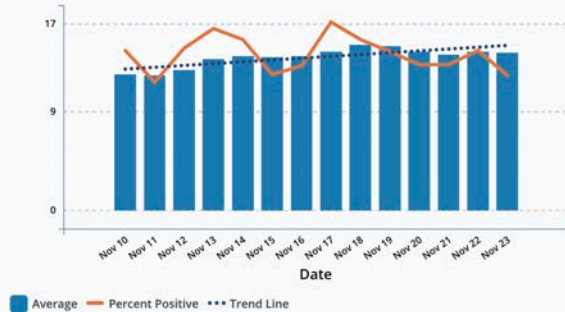


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New Positive Cases



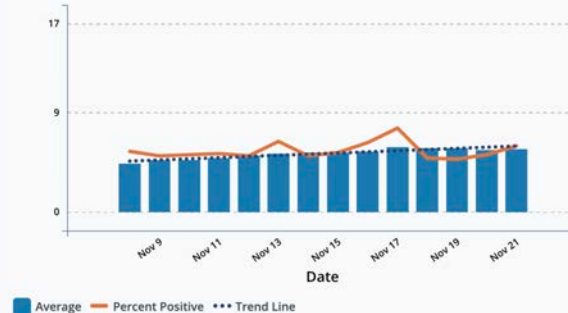
Percentage of PERSONS Testing Positive

Percent of persons testing positive

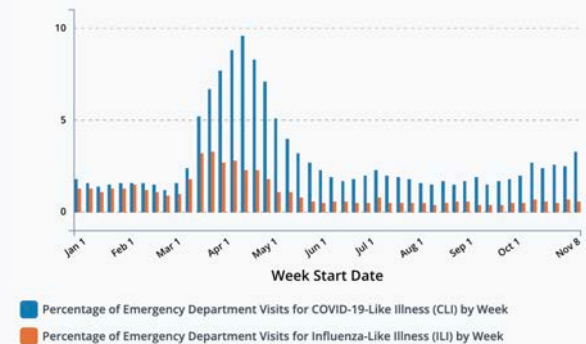


Percentage of TESTS that are Positive

Percent of tests that are positive



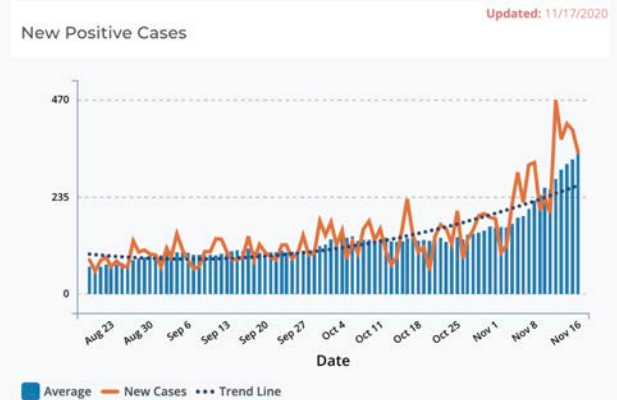
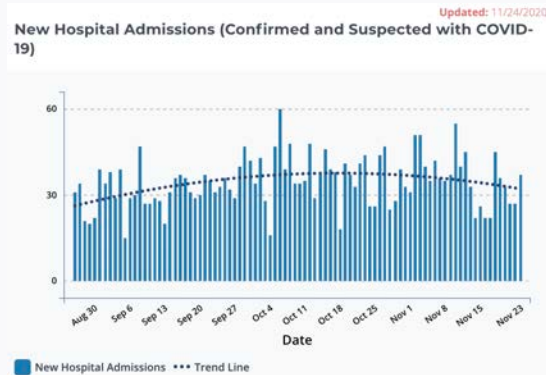
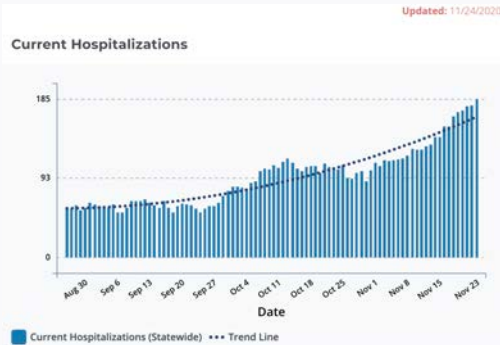
Updated: 11/24/2020
Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week



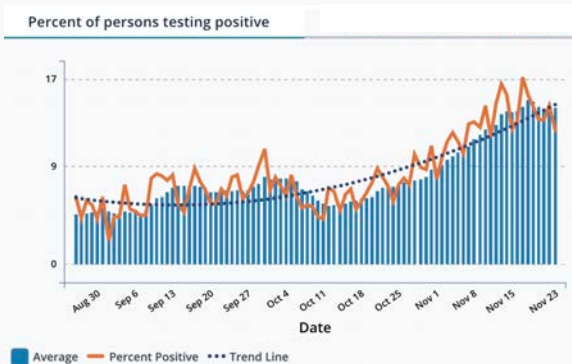
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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

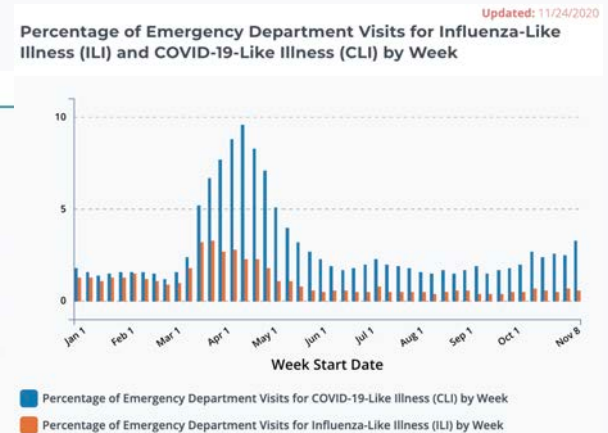
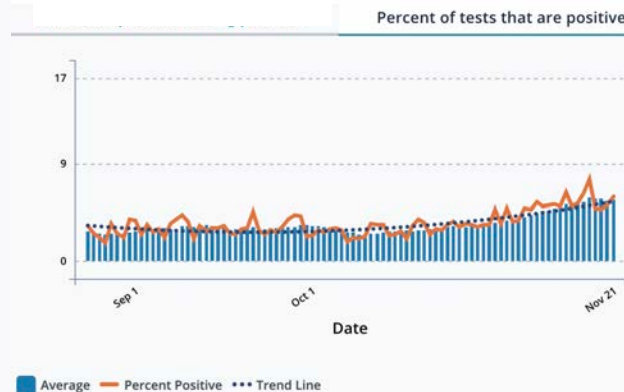
90-day View



Percentage of PERSONS Testing Positive



Percentage of TESTS that are Positive



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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



Fluid Resistant Gowns and Isolation Gowns

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Glasses and Goggles

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Isolation and Procedural-Ear Loop Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Surgical Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Face Shields

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Gloves

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



N95 Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

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HOSPITALIZATIONS: LAGGING INDICATOR

Get Infected

- *Shows up in case numbers*



Get Sick



Need Critical Hospital Care

- *Shows up in hospitalizations*

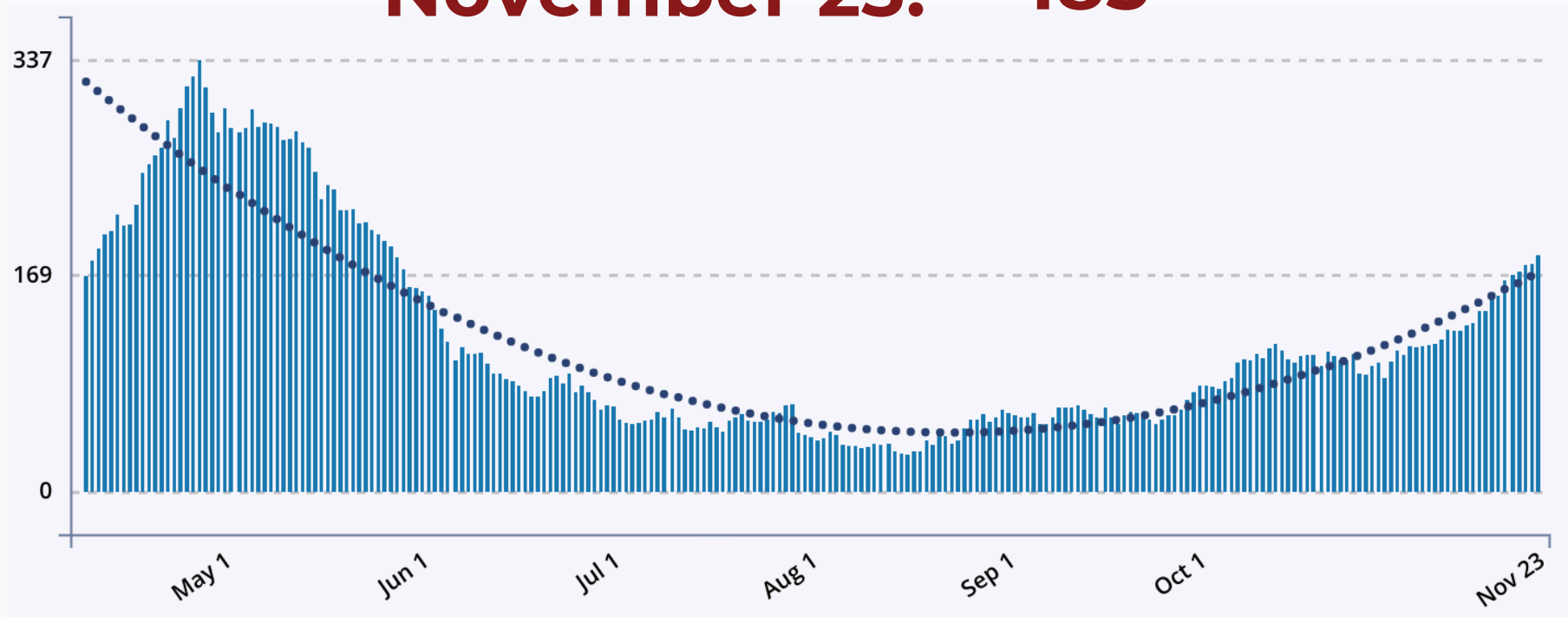
CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

April 10: 181

April 17 (PEAK): 337

August 16 (LOW): 29

November 23: 185



**We need to
protect hospital
capacity this
winter.**

GIVE THANKS.

NOT COVID-19.



AAA MID-ATLANTIC SURVEY:
**86% of Delaware
residents do not
plan to travel for
Thanksgiving.**



Source: <https://cluballiance.aaa.com/public-affairs/press-release/?Id=9e8e28c3-8563-4e47-ae7f-5a767d030042>

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There will be a zero-tolerance policy for COVID-compliance in bars and restaurants.

- ***Capacity, masks, seating distance***

Be Smart

- **Don't come to DE and drink**
- **Increased DUI patrols at the PA border and throughout the state**

- ✓ wear a mask
- ✓ keep your distance
- ✓ keep it small
- ✓ virtual get-togethers
- ✓ send a side dish
- ~~holiday travel~~

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DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health

This Thanksgiving, remember that COVID-19 doesn't take a holiday. So keep your loved ones safe by finding creative ways to connect. Stay healthy. Stay thankful. And celebrate with only those in your household this year.

For ideas on how to give thanks safely, visit de.gov/coronavirus.

COVID-19 RELIEF & SUPPORT

\$45 million
Higher
Education Fund

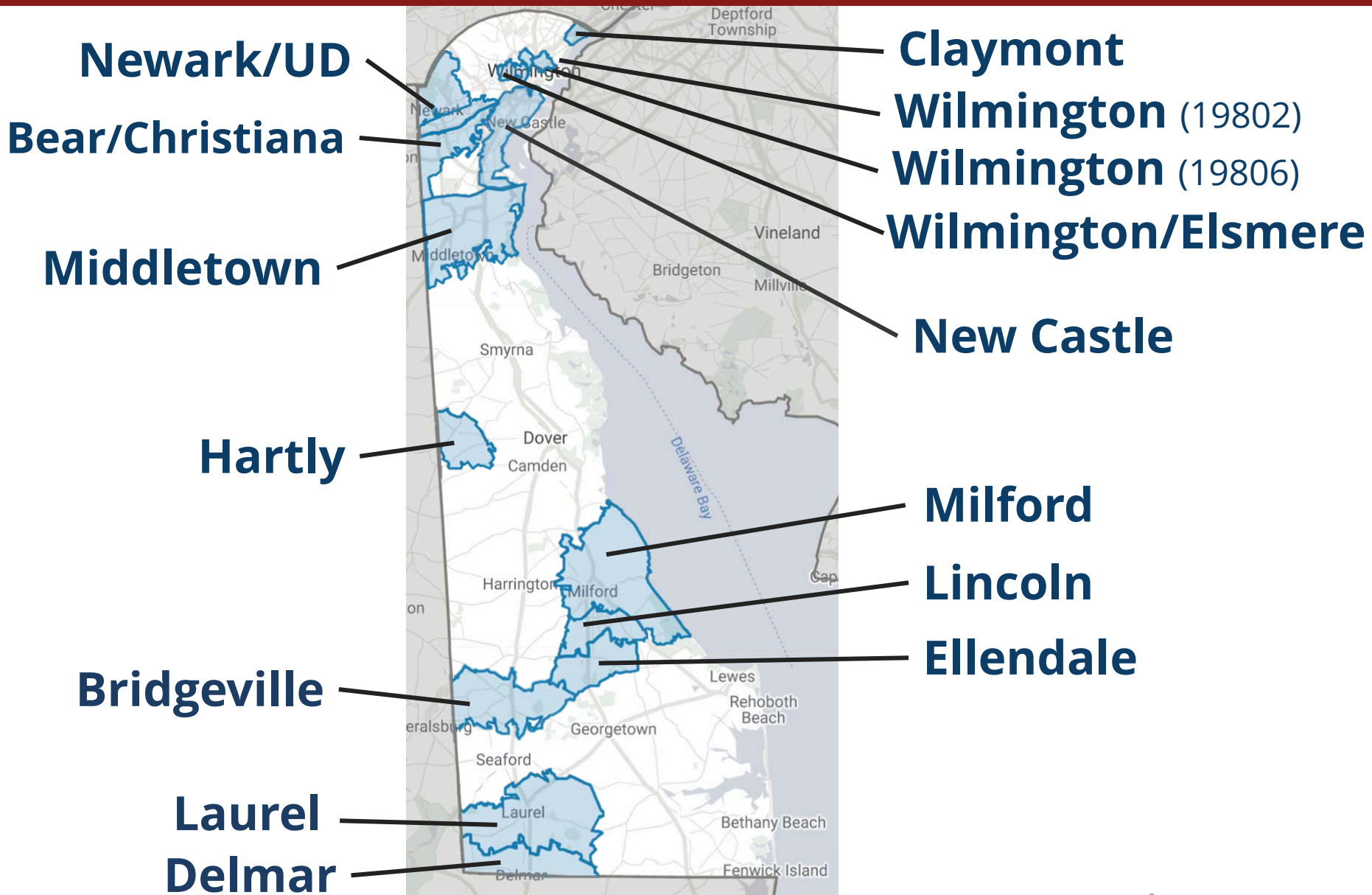
*to help offset specific expenses
directly related to COVID-19 response*

Dr. Karyl Rattay

**Director
Delaware Division of Public Health**

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Areas of Concern



Data as of November 23, 2020

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Testing Updates

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Testing

- **Significant increase in testing**
- **In November, between 2K and 11K tests daily**
 - **Nov. 18 – 11,072**
- **Lines and traffic have led to frustration**
- **Increasing length of contact tracing initial contact**
- **Strongly encourage pre-registration**
- **Practice patience**

Walgreens Updates

- **Registration-based system starting Friday, Nov. 27**
- **Capacity: 45 per site, per day**
- **5 New Sites on Tuesday, Dec. 1**
 - **Delmar, Georgetown, Harrington, Bethany Beach, 2nd Middletown site**
- **In discussions to add more mid-December**

College Students

Family and friends can transmit COVID to each other, so please follow basic precautions.

- **Avoid going to hang out with high school friends**
- **Stay home as much as possible**
- **Avoid being around those with increased risk for COVID**
- **Consider getting tested 2-5 days after your arrival**

Quarantine Reminders

- Quarantine means **remaining at home and away from others for 14 days** – regardless of negative tests
- **LIMITED EXCEPTIONS** for critical infrastructure workers when necessary to preserve the function of workplace
 - Asymptomatic
 - Not tested positive

This option should be used as a last resort and only in limited circumstances, such as when cessation of operation of a facility may cause serious harm or danger to public health or safety.

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COVID Vaccine Updates

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Update

- Pfizer submitted its Emergency Use Authorization request to the FDA on Nov. 20.
- **Over 90% effectiveness**
- No serious side effects (sore arm, some fever, nausea or body aches)
- FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) meets Dec. 10.
- Vaccine could arrive in Delaware between Dec. 11 - 14

Update: Task Force Meeting

- State Ethics Group and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met Monday, Nov. 23.
- During DPH's Nov. 20 call/interview with CDC and HHS, they said DPH is ahead of the curve in planning.
- DPH is adding new resources on **de.gov/covidvaccine**
 - Fact sheet for the public
 - Materials for medical providers – *CDC Guidance, How to Talk to Your Patients about the COVID Vaccine, Provider FAQs*
 - Information available in Spanish de.gov/covidvaccine

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Director A.J. Schall

Delaware Emergency Management Agency

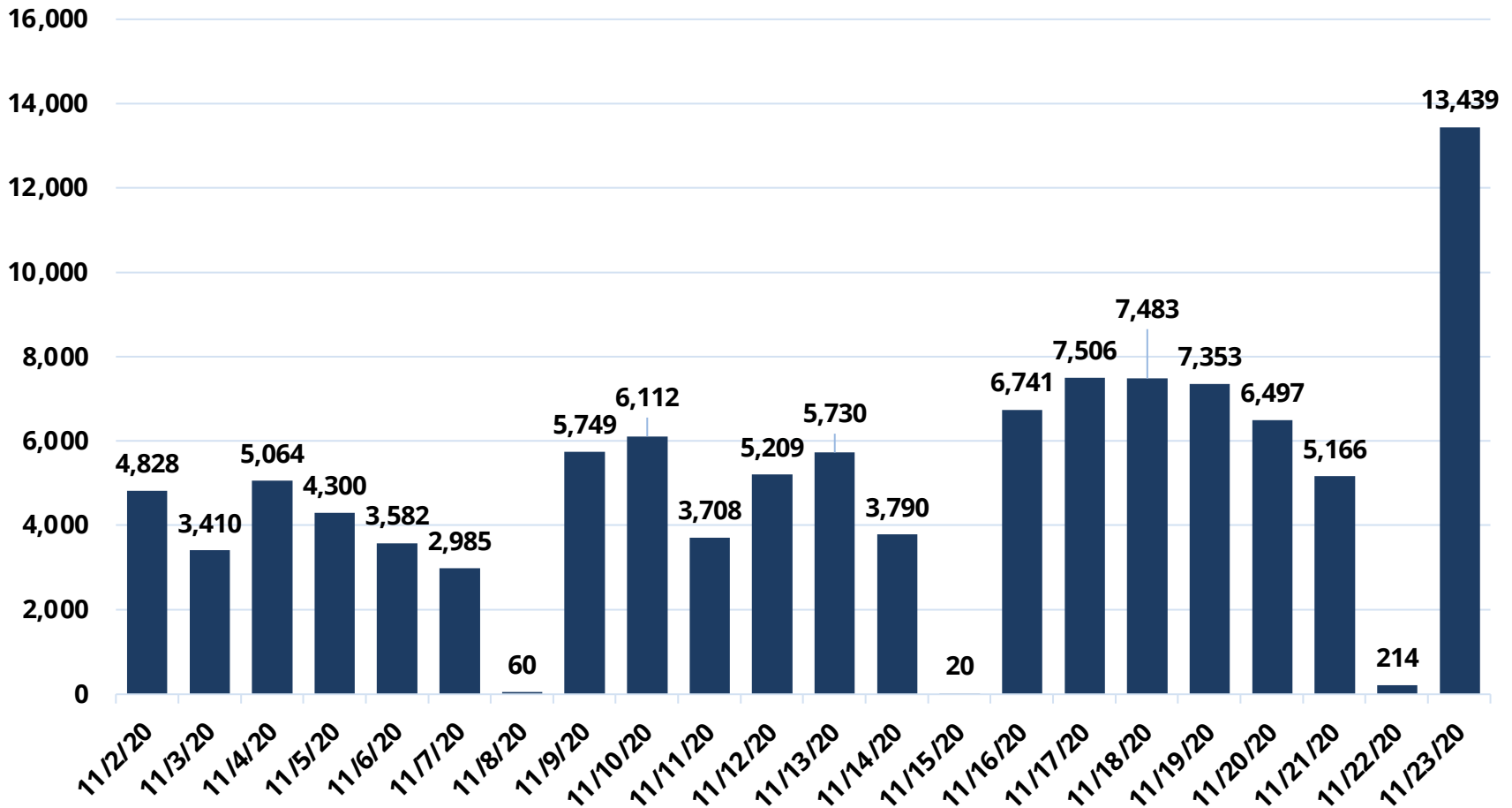
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Holiday & Student Testing

- **Strategy to accommodate increasing demand**
- **University students**
- **Community testing capacity**
- **Refine for holiday season**

Curative Testing Increases

Curative Test Completed



Testing Changes

- **Walgreens**
 - *Appointment only: **Friday, Nov. 27***
 - *New sites: **Tuesday, Dec. 1***
- **Curative trailer expansion**

At-Home Testing

1. Request a test kit at **de.gov/hometest**
2. **Video chat** with medical staff to administer test
3. **Ship** the test kit to the lab at no cost to you
4. **Results** sent electronically 48-72 hours after lab receives test

Requirements:

- ✓ Live or work in Delaware
- ✓ Email address for each person being tested
- ✓ A smart phone or video-enabled computer/tablet

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KNOW YOUR COVID-19 STATUS



Please get tested for coronavirus,
whether you have symptoms or not.
You can help stop the spread.

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Download **COVID Alert DE**



**A FREE phone app
that protects you
AND your privacy.**



de.gov/covidalert

**FIGHT the
FLU!**

GET YOUR VACCINE TODAY



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Act with a sense of **community.**

- Wear a mask.
- Keep your distance.
- Wash your hands.
- Get tested.
- Download COVID Alert DE.
- **Protect your neighbors.**

For the latest updates:

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